

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 20, 2016

Worship 11:00am

Christ the King / Reign of Christ

+ *All who are able may stand*

Regular type, one speaks; bold type, everyone speaks.

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: We've made it through another week

P: Praise God!

L: For some of us it's been the usual: working, spending time with family and friends, tending our children

P: For some of us it's been rocky: car trouble, sickness, being overwhelmed with the duties of life.

L: But in all things we give thanks to God, for God is with us in all things: the humdrum of daily life and the times of drama we don't need.

P: God's love is with us always—thanks be to God!

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: **O God, your loving presence is surely with us always—how else could we endure? You give us strength to move forward and the hope to persevere in this life. We put our trust in you that you will always be our strength and our salvation—thank you for being with us! We pray to you today in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us also to pray: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

+Hymn of Praise

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Call to Reconciliation

L: Our egos tell us that we are good people and have no reason to confess

P: Our conscience tells us we have erred and must seek forgiveness.

L: Let us follow our conscience instead of our ego, and seek forgiveness for our waywardness:

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and compassion, you created us to live in the light but we chose darkness, and continue to choose darkness without even realizing it. You created us to be generous but we choose to be grudging, afraid that our resources won't hold out. You created us to embody love for all creation but we choose to love only when we feel like it. Forgive us, O God, for not aligning our priorities with yours. Help us to find the light, the generosity and the love that will make your creation whole once again. (moment of silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Jesus God has reconciled God's self to all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God!
Amen.

Share with your neighbor how God has reconciled God's self to you this week.

Response of Praise

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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Passing of the Peace

L: By offering the peace of Christ to one another, we recognize each other's place in the family of God. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a handshake and/ or the exchange of the peace.

Anthem

No Greater Alleluia

Martin

Lord, teach our hearts to sing

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of wisdom and truth, may your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path as we listen and reflect on your scriptures today. Amen.

First Reading Colossians 1:11-20

Hymn *Psalm 46*

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alternate accompaniment

Second Reading Luke 23:33-43

Sermon

Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith *From "A Brief Statement of Faith" PCUSA*

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us the courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

The Service of Giving **Prayer of Dedication**

Musical Offering

Today is Dedication Sunday. Whether you are making a pledge or not, you may come forward to renew your dedication not only to Community of Faith but also to God's church universal.

+Response of Praise *Glory Be to the Father*

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Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Prayers of the People

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

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+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude